

grown from 30,000 to over one million specimens, including approximately 4,950 types, and are recognized as among the most important in the United States for scientific research. To the proper care and preservation of this material he gave constant and unremitting attention. As opportunity offered he collected widely in the western states and added large and interesting series of insects. Through his zeal an increasing number of large and valuable individual collections have been added to the Department through purchase, by gift or indefinite loan by their owners who have realized the advantages such an institution offers in the safeguarding of this valuable material. As a result the Department has steadily grown in importance as a center of scientific research, and investigators continually make use of its privileges.

The long list of Mr. Van Duzee's publications, some 165 in number, and the many volumes of the Pan-Pacific Entomologist, founded and edited by him, bear witness to his scientific activity. His "Catalogue of the Hemiptera of America North of Mexico," a large volume of over 900 pages, published by the University of California in 1917, stands as a masterpiece of scholarly research, and is indispensable to students of that group throughout the world.

His kindly, helpful attitude toward his colleagues and especially toward younger students of insects, his contagious enthusiasm and self-sacrificing devotion to his work will cause his memory to be cherished by all who knew him, while the Department he built up will remain his enduring monument.

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July Announcement

THE REGULAR JULY MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in the laboratories of the Department of Entomology, second floor of the East Wing of the Museum buildings, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on Wednesday afternoon, July 10, at 4:00 o'clock.

The program of the meeting will be devoted to a commemoration of the life and work of Edward Payson Van Duzee, late Curator of the Department of Entomology, California Academy of Sciences. Short addresses will be made by Dr. Frank E. Blaisdell, Research Associate, Professor E. O. Essig, University of California, Dr. Edwin C. Van Dyke, Professor Emeritus of the University of California and Curator Emeritus of the California Academy of Sciences, Professor William B. Herms of the University of California, Professor Charles W. Woodworth, Professor Emeritus, University of California, and by Director Robert C. Miller and President Frank M. MacFarland of the California Academy of Sciences.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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EDWARD PAYSON VAN DUZEE, Curator of the Department of Entomology of the California Academy of Sciences, passed away on June 2, 1940, after a brief illness. In his death the California Academy of Sciences has lost an eminent scientist, a most efficient curator of one of its largest departments, and a loyal and unselfish member of the Academy.

Mr. Van Duzee was born in New York City, April 6, 1861. He received his early training in private and public schools, soon showing a natural aptitude for zoölogical studies, and especially for Entomology. His father, though a business man, was a naturalist of the old school and had accumulated large collections in natural history, which, together with his private observatory equipped with a large equatorial telescope, were open to the citizens of Buffalo at stated intervals, thus generously fostering public interest in such subjects. It is not strange that his two sons eagerly took up the study of Entomology, in which they were wisely guided by Mr. A. R. Grote, then Director of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, the leading authority on American moths. After some time spent at Yale as a special student in zoölogy with Professor A. E. Verrill, Mr. Van Duzee became Assistant Librarian and later Librarian of the Grosvenor Library in Buffalo, assiduously carrying on his studies upon the Hemiptera at night and during week ends and vacations, collecting widely in the eastern United States. This position was ably filled by him for 27 years.

Coming to California in 1912 he was connected with the Scripps Institution at La Jolla during 1913-14, and then acted as Instructor in Entomology in the University of California for two years. In May, 1916, he was appointed Curator of Entomology and Assistant Librarian in the California Academy of Sciences, entering upon his duties on June 1, 1916. In 1927, with the appointment of a full time Assistant Librarian, he was enabled to devote all his energies to his Department. Under Mr. Van Duzee's able and enthusiastic curatorship the collections in Entomology have